

Bangor 31 March 1836.

Dear Miss W

I have been informed by my dear friend M. A. Bright, that the copy of the Liberator directed to her, is sent by the Boston F. A. S. S. When she left this City, it was her request that I should take charge of it, wh. I felt was conferring on me an especial favor, not only as it affords my own family an opportunity of reading that valuable paper, but likewise enables me to circulate it some what extensively. There has been hitherto (and still is) in this region much prejudice existing against this paper - and knowing from personal experience, that much of this prejudice is for want of an acquaintance with its character, I have used unremitting effort to get it into the hands of those, whose minds I knew to be laboring under mistaken ideas of its contents - and I have been successful far beyond what I dared to hope - I think some of the best abolitionists we have in this City, have become so, by reading this copy of the Liberator. One gentleman in particular, remarked to me, that he was decided he ~~never~~ would have anything to do with any Society, that would in any way patronise Garrison. but upon inquiry, I found he had never seen his paper - and prevailed on him to read it - he had not finished two numbers, when his feelings were entirely changed, and he is now a soldier in the holy cause of abolition and is now impatient for his turn to read it. He says, "Oh it is that — Mirror, wh. has so deceived the people of Maine" — I would not name these circumstances as matters of publicity but as specimens of many cases, when prejudice has fled, when truth has found its way to the heart. I have been intending to seek for some subscribers to the Lib. before the year expired, but as an effort is now making to sustain a paper in this State, I think the friends of the cause will feel it their duty, to do all in their power, to support it. But the reading of the Lib. appears to me so very important to keep the steam dead high, that even if not my means are very limited I shall subscribe for it on purpose for circulation. I still hope I may be able to do long. The course I have taken, has been to lend it to quite a number of families and individuals, with a request to return, when read; I think in this way, many more read, than would, by any other method of distribution.

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I have sent some members into the country, after having been  
very quite thread bare) and from those villages have learned that  
it has given a new impulse to the cause. I trust you will not  
misunderstand my motive in giving you this account. I felt  
it my duty to write, that you may know your charity has not  
been altogether misapplied, and if you think it advisable to  
continue sending, I pledge myself to spare no pains in its  
circulation. I wish much to obtain the 52<sup>nd</sup> number of the 4 vol  
containing the letter of Edmund Quincy. I have not yet seen  
the last report of your Society, but hope soon to. I wish I could  
meet, and take council with some of your Boston ladies, who  
have labored so long and so efficiently in this cause.

I do feel that other efforts for the conversion of the  
world will be comparatively fruitless, while the wheels of  
the gospel is so trigged by the heaven claring sin of slavery  
and I do fully believe that the opposition, wh. springs up,  
whenever and whenever this subject is first broached, is from  
a device of the adversary, who perfectly understands this to  
be his strong hold, and when he is hurled from this, the chain  
will be upon him - and I do believe that the glorious morning  
of the millennium will be ushered in, when man shall no  
more oppress his fellow man.

When I meet with those, whose minds ap-  
pear immersed in the stagnant waters of indifference on  
this subject, my spirit is stirred within me, and my soul is  
in agony, as a burning fire shut up in my bones - then  
it is, that I flee to my closet, and I find if the ear of man  
is closed, that of the great Jehovah is ever open, he will hear  
the cry of the oppressed, and of those who feel for them in bonds,  
as bound with them."

I wish much to obtain a pamphlet, wh. I have some  
where seen, containing a statement of the reasons, wh. induced  
the students of Lane Sem. to dissolve their connection with that  
Institution, and have sent to the depository for it, but as it is  
not in their list of publications, I fear I shall not get it -  
I think this region is becoming quite good soil, into wh. to  
scatter the seed of abolition, and I sometimes think if my  
pennian means would enable me to obtain more publica-  
tions for loaning, I could do much in this cause.



Our male and Female Societies are both increasing in numbers and interest. I wish I could in person express the gratitude, wh. both myself and husband feel to your Society for the use of the Liberator. I doubt not many others would gladly join me in this. I often wish, and I sometimes fondly hope I shall in this life meet with that noble man (Mr. Garrison) who is now weary in well doing - in due season he will reap -

You see with how much freedom I have ~~submitted~~ myself to you, but when writing to an abolitionist I cannot feel that it is to a stranger - and tho' personally unknown to you, I trust you will allow me to subscribe myself,

In Christian fellowship,

and sympathy for the oppressed,

Yr. sister

Perseus M. Phummen.

P.S. If you continue the Lib. please direct to me, unless you find a more faithful agent, in wh. case I will cheerfully yield the privilege I would ask for a few lines from you, by the bearer, that I might receive some suggestions in regard to my ~~work~~ <sup>work</sup> ~~myself~~ most useful in this cause, in wh. I feel myself enlisted so long as the warfare continues, or death shall give me a discharge; but fear it will be a heavy upon your time, upon wh. I have no claim. Being surrounded with a little family, without the help of any domestic, I find my time quite limited, but I have all that my Heavenly Father gives me, and I hope my daily inquiry is, Lord, what would thou have me to do, and I think I love that voice of his, wh. replies, occupy till I come. I have not written to you in any official capacity, but as a sister in the cause of the oppressed - P. M. P.



Carol M. Sumner

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